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Antimations.

NOTICE

PUBLIC MEETING will be held in A ST. ANDREW'S HALL, CITY HALL, on TUESDAY, the 3rd January, at 3 P.M., of the Members of the CHAMBER OF COM-MERCE, and to which other Members of the Community are invited, to welcome LORD CHARLES. BERESFORD, who has been good enough to consent to give an Address.

> R. CHATTERTON, WILCOX, Secretary

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. Hongkong, 28th December, 1898.

NAVY LEAGUE.

DINNER TO

LORD CHARLES BERESFORD.

DINNER will be given to LORD HONGKONG BRANCH of the NAVY LEAGUE, in the CITY HALL, on TUESDAY, the 3rd of January, 1899, at 8 P.M. All Members and Associates who wish to be present are requested to send in their Names to the Undersigned as soon as possible.

E. W. MITCHELL, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO.

LIMITED, NortCE is hereby given that under the powers conferred by the SPECIAL. RESOLUTION passed and confirmed on the 5th and 25th days of June, 1897 the Under-signed General Managers did on the 30th day of November, 1898 make a FINAL CALL of \$5 per Share on account of the price of the New Shares issued in pursuance of such RESOLUTION and a FINAL CALL of \$5 on account of the PREMIUM for each such share and that such CALLS are PAYABLE at the Offices of the General Managers, No. 9,

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Dated the 1st December, 1898. SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General-Managers.

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CHAU TSEUNG FAT,

Secretary. HEAD OFFICE: No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST. Hongkong, 26th May, 1894.

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FAIR PRINCESS. On the following dates :-THURSDAY, 5th. Junuary, 1899.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, 11th SATURDAY, 14th
The TICKET OFFICE at the Theatre will

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Half Price to Soldiers and Sailors in uniform Late Trains to the Peak a quarter of an hour after fall of the curtain. E. W. MITCHELL,

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Hongkong, 24th December, 1898.

To-day's Advertisements.

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"KOH-I-NUR," Captain H. Elliot, will be despatched for the above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th January, at 3 P.M. For Freight or Passage, apply to

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MARRIAGE.

by the Rev. R. F. Cobbold, Dr. J. H. Swan,

third son of WM. SWAN, Monaghan, Ireland,

to ANNIE GRACE PATTESON, third daughter

DEATHS.

On November 3rd, suddenly, in London, W.

At No. 17, Oura, Nagasaki, on 21st Decem-

ber, at 2 n.m., WILLIAM CRUNSEID, aged 42.

The Hongkong Celegraph

Hongkong, Thursday, December 29, 1898,

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

its appearance in Hongkong in 1894.

Apparently the plague, which first made

gradually spreading westwards. Cases have

occurred at Vienna and a patient has been

landed at Plymouth and isolated for treat-

ment. Of course the Plymouth and Vienna

cases are imported ones, but still, if one or

two cases san be imported, it stands to reason

that the disease may be introduced into

Europe, and so into the United Kingdom,

either by the landing of infected persons

upon whom, the symptoms have not

become apparent, or, as at Vienna, by an

accident in a bacteriological laboratory

Reuter reports that at Tamatave, in Mada-

gascar, no less than one hundred and eight

deaths have occurred already, including one

European, and it is therefore evident that

the disease has obtained a firm hold there.

In the earlier stages of the plague few Euro-

peans were attacked, but, as we saw last

year in Hongkong, a new form of the

which Europeans are readily attacked and

it therefore behaves the sanitary authorities

of Europe to take efficient steps to prevent

the crowded cities of the west.

the importation of this deadly disease into

We have heard it stated that the

plague is essentially a filth disease and

that consequently it could never gain

a foothold in England, but to anyone

acquainted with the filth, disease and

poverty existing in many of our larger towns

found which will not even compare favour-

ably with the state of Tai-ping-shan in 1894,

hold, would spread rapidly, claiming

fervently hope that Great Britain may be

spared any such visitation, but it is

And where plague goes it goes to stay.

Hongkong has not been free of it since the

first outbreak, for, as the spring progresses,

cases crop up and the disease runs its course

during the spring and summer months each

year. Directly the disease appears we get to

work to clean the town and strive to stamp it

thoroughly sanitary state so as to allow the

disease no chance of siezing upon any one

particular spot as a breeding ground directly

In Hongkong the winter is always looked,

upon as the healthy season, and so it is, as a

matter of fact. But it is in the cool

weather that precautions should be taken

for ensuring the thorough cleanliness of the

town. Decomposition does not set in so rapid-

ly then, and consequently filth can collect in

presence manifest by pestilential stenches,

but the dirt is there just the same and forms

a breeding ground for disease germs which

are scattered broadcast and emerge from

and the warmer weather. It is a great pity

that such a state of things should be

allowed to exist. The protection of

the Colony from epidemics is of the utmost

town trade is greatly interfered with, the sur-

rounding ports enforce quarantine regulations

against all arrivals from Hongkong, and

the part of our sanitaly officials. We ear-

nestly trust that Sir HENRY BLAKE will see

perly constituted Sanitary Department; one

that would not make spasmodic efforts at

cleansing and whitewashing when pleague

or some other, disease has actually broken

out, but would make it its duty to see that

filth as it collected and so keep, the place

sweet and clean the whole year round. Of

course such a department would require a

large staff, but the extra expense involved

would be amply repaid by immunity from

Bir HENRY's consideration,

the climatic conditions become suitable.

victims amongst rich and poor alike.

contined it's westward march.

this statement at once appears absurd.

sease has made its appearance

BERTRAND ROBERTS, late Manager of Buffaloe

Reef Gold Mining Company, Ltd., Pahang.

Edmund Scott Russell, aged 43.

of the late Henry Patteson of Manchester.

On the 17th instant, at Singapore, the wife of THE PLAGUE IN MADAGASCAR. F. B. CROUCHER, M.D., of Malacca, of a son. LONDON, December 27th. On Sunday, 18th inst., at Tyrie, Mount Eliza-One hundred and eight deaths in all, including beth, the wife of JAMES GRAHAM, of a sonone European, have occurred at Tamatave. On the 18th instant, at Spottiswoode House,

Singapore the wife of ALFRED KITCHING, of a CRETE AND THE POWERS. The several European Admirals have finally At St. John's Cathedral, on the 29th instant,

GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE. The President of the British Chamber of Commerce in Paris, speaking at a dinner said, he was able to state that the Queen had decided to visit Nice, thereby proving that better diplomatic relations prevailed between the two countries.

WEATHER REPORT.

At 69, Newlands Park, Sydenham, on the 24th November, LAURA, the beloved wife of The Observatory report says :- On-the 29th at 11.45 a.m. The barometer has fallen in the extreme North, risen on the E. coast of China. Pressure is highest over N. China, lowest in the N.E. part of the Sea of Japan. Gradients, for N.E. winds, increasing in S. China, and in the 'N. part of the China Sea. Forecast:moderate to fresh N.E. winds; fine.

LOCAL AND CENERAL.

AT 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon next a football match will take place between G. Company, and the Band and Drums for the Regimental Challenge Football Shield.

AT the Police Court this morning Wong Yan Pan was fined \$100 for carrying fire arms without a licence. Thirty-seven other cases were disposed of by the Police Magistrate. The total amount of fines imposed for being unlawfully in possession of opium without valid certificates, amounted to \$90.

THE Siam Observer reports the capture of an elephant at Muang Ubon, and remarks that such a thing being a rare occurrence is worthy of record. Every man we know of who has visited Siam has generally shot several elephants: we will know, however, in the future how to receive such statements.

NATIVE dispatches from Chungking report that the restoration of the hospital and dispensary belonging to American missionaries which were destroyed last year at Kiangpeh, began some time during the first part of the current-month. The people-round-about-Chungking are said to be getting excited and hostile against Christians again, owing to the rumour now current that the attempted arson at the barracks on the night of the 14th ultimo which caused a number of panic-stricken women to commit suicide was the work of a Chungking convert. The high provincial authorities consider the situation so complicated and grave from this fresh hostility, that they have been recently considering the desirability of temporarily removing all the converts now inside the walls of Chungking to the South the London slums and alleys spots are to be hills near the city, where being in a body the officials will be able to give them better proand from these we feel convinced that the tection for the time. The converts, however, -[1533 | new-forin-of-the-disease,-once-it-obtained a-|-object-strongly-to_their-ejection-from Chungking city, and a proclamation will therefore-be issued by the Viceroy exhorting them to obey. -N. C. D. News.

AT the regular meeting of Zetland Lodge, No. useless' to shut one's eyes to the fact 525, E.C., held at the Freemasons' Hall, or that ever since plague first made its appearance in this Colony it has steadily Tuesday, 27th December, Rt. Wor. Bro. C. P. Chater, C.M.G., D.G.M., accompanied by Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray, D.D.G.M. and the D. G. Lodge Officers attended for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect Bro. G. Piercy in the chair for the ensuing year. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers as follows :- I.P.M. Wor. Bro. G. J. B. Sayer; S.W. Bro. J. Dyer Ball; J.W. Bro. J. W. L. Oliver; Treasurer Wor. Bro. G. A. Caldwell; P.M. Secretary Bro. E. Ralphs; S.D. Bro. O. Ordish; J.D. Bro. J. out, but, as soon as the present danger is past J. Bryan; Organist Bro. G. Grimble; D.C. Bro. the efforts at keeping the place in a thoroughly sanitary condition are relaxed, and the result B. Brotherton Harker; I.G. Bro. G. F. R. is that the next spring a sufficient amount of Sachse; St. Bro.-J. Sheiton; Tyler Bro. B. Jorus. dirt and filth has been accumulated to allow The Brethren subsequently adjourned to the the plague to once more obtain a firm hold lower hall, which had been handsomely decoon the town. As we have before pointed out rated and illuminated with fairy lamps and to the authorities, it is not sufficient to com-Masonic emblems in various coloured electric mence the cleansing of the slums and lights, and partook of a banquet provided by alleys when the plague appears. They should Thomas's Grill Room. The usual loyal and be periodically inspected and kept in a Masonic toasts were duly honoured and the Brethren spent a very enjoyable evening, which was enlivened by songs, recitations and speeches. The Meeting was brought to a. close by the hearty singing of Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

WE have on previous occasions referred to the firm conviction held by the French that their colonies exist only for the benefit of the mother country, but it would probably be impossible lengths to which the Gallic official will go than an instance recorded by the United States dark slums and alleys without making its Consul for Madagascar. General Gallieni, who apparently has a full share of the national antipathy evinced in high circles to anything not of French origin, was last year scandalised their torpid state with the return of spring at some of the native officials appearing before him in garments of American manufacture. This was not to be borne, -Doubtless he felt that an attempt was being made to humiliate la patrie, so he straightway sat down and indited a letter on the subject to tious character becomes epidemic in the Hoya Governor-General at Antananariyo, from which the following is an extract:= "Some of the native functionaries did furthermore lat 5 deg. 6' 45" Na long, 115 deg. 6' 45" present themselves to me in raiment and dress thousands of dollars are lost, all for the want of a little common sense and foresight upon offoreign origin. I consider that in so doing they have been wanting in deference towards the. representative of France in Madagascar. Our the urgent necessity that exists for a pro- French officers and functionaries wear only clothes of French origin. The Malagasy functionaries must do likewise, and their raiment must be all made of French cloth and furnishings." After this the native official must preforce content himself with taking his clothes, unremitting efforts were made to clean away if not the fashions, from Paris, But If this is the usual practice of French Colonial authorities, their Government should not feel surprised that any proposed extension of the Republic's boundaries is viewed with disfavour by plague, We recommend the matter to other manufacturing countries. - Financial

On the 1st January next, all the chandu required for public consumption in French Indo-China will be prepared at a Central Government Factory at Saigon. Difficulty in uniform preparation will arise from the smokers in Cochin-China. Annam, Combodia, and Laos preferring Benares opium, while those in Tonquin will have none but Yunnan opium prepared in a particular way. Serious trouble is expected should the Tonquinese be deprived of their favourite brand.

IN a lecture on the Philippine Question, Mr. G. F. Seward, formerly U. S. Consul-General at Shanghai, and Minister at Peking, tells the following amusing story of Shanghai in the good old days :-- "A predecessor of mine at Shanghai, having on his hands a hundred or more refractory sailors, and no prison, sent the whole lot to the native governor to be confined. They stayed there a little while and then marched out of the prison and down the river road in front of the Consul's office, each one bearing on his shoulder a pole which he had taken out of the prison stockade. The Consul wrote about the case to the Secretary of State, giving the facts; and urging upon his attention the disgrace attending the situation. He got this answer; "I have received your dispatch of-date. In writing to this department hereafter, please use cap paper, leaving a margin one inch wide, all around. Yours respectfully, Daniel Webster!" Now perhaps, this may be an extreme instance but it was an actual instance "-N. C.D. News.

Charles Beresford seems to be justifying the 31 feet and one to east of 15 feet. The Cale- 50 associates, as against 93 members and 20 opinion expressed when he left for China that he could turn his hand to anything and meet with success. As a commissioner on a large scale he seems to be sweeping all before him. According to reports, Chinese merchants are receiving him with every kindness. From the city it is reported that his lordship has forestalled German representatives, and saved several good contracts for England. This proves what a man whose head is screwed on in the right way can do for British manufactures abroad. A more complete-justification of properly-equipped commercial travellers and missions could not be imagined. Lord Charles Beresford will deserve the thanks of the whole commercial community if the reports as to his achievements are correct, for recent developments have brought British supremacy crisis, which may issue for or against us, has now come to a head. By the way, it-is interesting to note that, at the present time in Berlin, the Russian language is being taught-by preference-to intended colonists and officials proceeding to the new German colony of This a significant comment on the

FILIPINO COMMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES.

In our issue of the 5th instant it was stated that the members of a special Commission despatched by General Aguinaldo to Washington had arrived here en route to the States, and that it had left by the Salazie for Shanghai and Japan, whence the Commissioners would proceed to their destination. We are now informedthat a telegram has been received from the Commissioners (General Rios and Messrs. Losada and Luna) reporting that they were to leave Yokohama yesterday by the new and speedy trans-Pacific liner Nippon Maru bound for San Francisco, whence they expect to start on the overland journey to Washington on the 13th or 14th January.

This Commission is, we understand, specially instructed to use its best endeavours to remove as far as possible any ill-feeling, antagonism, misappreliension and suspicion that may have been engendered by misleading reports forwarded to American papers (by cable and otherwise) by correspondents in Manila and other parts of the Far East. The Commission is also instructed to put the truth respecting Filiping aspirations and the relations of the National Government with the U.S. Executive in Manila before the American people, and do all in its power to cultivate the most friendly relations with the United States Government and the generous citizens of the Union, in whose liberality and sense of justice the Filipino Government has the fullest confidence.

THE WRECK OF THE "ABANA."

SINGAPORE, December 17th, The steamer Rance this morning arrived from Labuand with the European crew and second officer of the steamer Abana, which was wrecked on the 8th inst, near Labuan, and which has now been abandoned as a total wreck. After striking on an uncharted rock the vessel was beached to prevent her sinking in deep water, and the crew worked four days on the vessel doing what was possible with the means at hand in the way of salvage. Although her decks are dry at low water her hatches are full of water, and on Monday evening vessel was left to her fate, the crew being picked up, on Tuesday, and arriving as stated this morning, . On the to give a more striking illustration of the departure of the crew the salvage party, in the Mercury under Mr. Moulsdale had not arrived

upon the scene of the wreck. The s.s. -Abana, which was bound from Labuan to Port Arthur with a cargo of coal from Barry, left Labuan on the 8th inst. early in the morning, and about 8.30 she struck on a pinnacle rock where the chart showed 17 fathoms of water. Fearing a panic amongst the Lascar crew Capt. Smith ordered all hands' to the life boat stations, and the boat were swung out in readiness, after which the steamer was run in-shore. Divers were sent down to ascertain the nature of her injuries if possible, but as the ship was flat bottomed and rested on the sand nothing could be made out Later the Captain of the Labuar with the officers of the Abana, succeeded in finding the sunken reef at a depth of five fathoms only in The remaining portion of the crew, Capt. Smith, the third officer, the chief engineer andtwo quartermasters, with one passenger, Russian military officer who shipped at Singapore, were still at Labuan, when the Rance left -S. F. Press.

THE FORMOSAN BANDITS.

getting more resolute. A telegram from Taisupposing it to be paper money-Jopan Mall. Important question-Kols Chronicle,

THE GREAT EASTERN AND CALEDONIAN GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Second ordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of the Great Eastern and Caledonian Gold Mining Company, Limited, was held in the Company's Offices at noon to-day. There were present:—Mr. R. C. Wilcox (Chairman), Messrs. G. C. Cox, A. Denison, R. Abessen (Directors), J. R. Michael, S. H. Michael, E. Georg, K. Eduljee, G. Fortmann, R. Abesser, and Vogelgesang. The Secretary having read the notice calling

the meeting as already specified. The Chairman said :- Gentlemen, with your permission, we will follow the usual practice, and take the report and accounts as read. The accounts have been made up to the 30th June, the latest date we could, having regard to our distance from the mines, conveniently adopt Since that date we have purchased (and I hope | Firstly as to the financial state of our branch, by this time set up) a baftery of twenty head of you will note the large increase in our numbers, stamps with equivalent bardue pans, and these not withstanding which we are only a hundred should now be engaged in crushing the 800 or dollars better off than when we last presented 1,000 tons of quartz that have been brought to a statement of accounts to you. We have so grass from the different mines. An office has many new members that for their benefit also been erected at the mines, and the Dam has been completed, this assuring-so far as abolished the \$10 entrance fee. In Great can be assured, in a country where droughts are | Britain to be a member of the Navy League frequent and the rainfall variable—a sufficient | costs a guinea a year; here, we have reduced supply for all purposes. With regard to the mines | the subscription to \$5, remitting however themselves, you have no doubt read the reports | all the same 5/3 a head to the parent assofrom our manager, sent by each mail, and are | ciation. Associates' fees have also been reduced therefore pretty will posted in the progress of to \$2, of which 1/3 has to be remitted to Lonthe work of development. A great deal of | don. Last year our printing bill was \$12; this work has been done in opening out our pro- year it was \$231.50. Last year we paid \$40 perty, through of course much more remains and this year \$120 for prizes to Schools. Last to be accomplished before we can expect a year telegrams cost us \$22, this year \$221.60, sufficialtly large output to keep our battery \$53.18 of which was, however, repaid by the fully and constantly at work. At the end of head office. Last year we remitted to London June the Great Eastern shaft had been sunk to \$204,89; this year our dues amounted to THE Naval and Military Record says :- Lord | a depth of 181 feet with a cross-cut to west of \$594.45. To-day we number 272 members and donian main shaft was then 164 feet deep and associates at our last annual meeting on the 3rd the cross-cut 6 feet. The Zulu shaft had got | December, 1897. Gentlemen, your committee down to depth of 129 feet and that in the Rise | have reduced the fees to the limit of working and Shine to 91 feet. The prospecting shaft expenses, so that practically there should be no had been sunk to a depth of 107 feet, bar but apathy to the enrolling of the whole of

drive has been cut 79 feet north, with a rise Lee, in printing, of your funds \$231.50 this year. of 15 feet; in the Zulu shaft a drive of 48 feet as against \$12 last, or about 1,825 per cent. has been effected south; the Caledonian main | more. For here in China there have not been shaft has a drive of 80 feet opened; and drives have also been commenced in the Bank of ings of the League and point their morals, England and Rise and Shine shafts. So far, bringing them home to us in a manner very satisfactory-progress has been made, but | scarcely possible in Britain short of famine. the stone is unusually hard and we are at some disadvantage in not possessing rockhills. We hope by and bye to obtain powerful rock-drilling plant, as our manager tells us he could with advantage then employ more than 200 hands, who would turn out plenty of quartz at a great in the China trade to a turning point. The saving in the cost of winning it. What we 462 British subjects in the colony signed a want is a large and steady out-put of quartz like they are getting at Raub. According to the assayers reports, it would appear that the gold is nearly all extricted without having to use the cyanide process, so we are making no privesion for the acquisition of a cyanide plant. The stone at Mount MacDonald is fairly rich, but the gold is not by any means evenly distributed. We have so far been fortunate in striking good lodes which seem to yield more than the average. but of course some of them may vary in width and richness. If, however, we can only develop the mines sufficiently we ought to continue to secure a steady outturn. MIn Mr. Carl Georg we have an indefatigable manager, who looks after everything, and who will, we may be sure, do his best to keep things going and to prevent the waste which is such a conspicuous feature in many mining enterprises. The choice of the most suitable-and-economical machinery occupied a great deal of his and our attention, amongst the scafaring community, . If to any and we believe we have now acquired the best that could be obtained at the price and the kind most adapted to our wants. Miners as a class are difficult men to deal with and unless the mining manager is very deligent and ob- grievances; therefore for them to deny thely servant, work is apt to be sadly neglected. Mr. support to the very Association which is work. kind, but he has profited by his experience, only be the result of misapprehension-misapand has found it most advantageous to work | prehension which many of our members are by contract whenever possible. I' am glad well fitted and peculiarly favourably situated to say the calls have been responded to for dispelling. Overspreading the earth and very readily, all being now paid up ex- honey-combing as they do the navigable globe cept those on 187 shares, one lot of which would have been paid but for the death | do in diffusing knowledge would be incalculof the holder, while another has been delayed able. Were two or three of our journals to go by the accident of losing the scrip; You will out in every British ship leaving Hongkong observe that the directors' fees figure this year for only \$500 which sum was voted to Mr. Denison in consideration of professional assistance. I trust, gentlemen, we shall receive a telegram from the mines next month announeing a satisfactory crushing; one that will encourage us to develop the mines thoroughly and quickly. We had hoped to have given. you this news earlier, but the manufacturers failed to keep their time for delivery of some ofthe machinery; hence the delay in our first

> any further information: In reply to a question by Mr. Georg, the Chairman said that they had a capital of \$35,000 to work on, which he thought would last for several months.

crushing. I think, gentlemen, that is all I have

to say on this occasion; but if you have any

questions to ask, I shall do my best to supply

There being no other questions asked, the Chairman said he had much pleasure in proposing the adoption of the report. Mr. Georg-seconded the adoption; and it was

carried unanimously. It was then proposed by Mr. A. Best, and seconded by Mr. J. R. Michall that Messrs R. C. Wilcox, and R. Abesser be re-elected Directors. The motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

It was decided that the election of Auditor be left in the hands of the Directors.

The proceedings then terminated. After the meeting the Chairman called the attention of the shareholders to some exceed. ingly rich aunferous specimens, which he said were of especial interest to them, for the reason that the same were taken from the Pinkerion Mine, which is very close to the Company's own workings.

AMERICA IN THE FAR EAST

States is taking in the Far-East, we learn that was a pegging that might have continued for Mr. John Barrett, recently Minister of the generations. The time was ripe, though many United States to Siam, is now making a visit held also that it was inopportune a joining to Japan, after having made a sojourn in in the game of grab, Our League was able Peking and other parts of China, with a view to to turn on the avalanche of instructed public become thoroughly acquainted with the con- opinion, and what had been for years apparent. ditions of the Far Eastern problem before ly insurmountable barriers were overwhelmed returning to America via India and Europe, and disappeared. (Hear, hear.). It is true, In the course of an interesting conversation as our report shows, that the success has not with Mr. Barrett, who passed through Kobe on been so complete and unqualified as was dethe Dorle on Saturday; we find that he holds sired. Unexpected and unpalatable conditions strong views on the question of the "open bave attached to it; how unsavoury and un-The bandits in Formosa are apparently door in the Far East. He believes that if wholesome your Committee have vigorously Great Britain, the United States, Japan, and pointed out to the executive of the League, and peh, dated 2 p.m. on the 13th instant, announ- possibly Germany, all of whose interests as we may rest assured that such steps as can be ces that an attack was made by them on the commercial nations are practically identical, will be taken by them to render the extension South-Formosan branch of the Bank of Japan: I will only come to an understanding in China, I all that it was desired and intended to be They were driven off by a detachment of Ja- the question of the "open door" would be (Hear, hear.) Owing to the increase in memipanese troops stationed in the neighbourhood, solved without difficulty. Such a combination, borship, your committee decided to form the the latter losing one man. Nothing is said would, he thinks, be irresistible, and his visit Leaguers intogroups of friends and neighbours, about the casualties on the side of the bandite. to Japan is with the object of learning unofficient in more or less intimate relations, with the They carried away a quantity of mail matter, cially the views in Government circles on the view of facilitating the circulation of League

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NAVY LEAGUE.

The Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Hongkong Branch of the Navy League was held in St. Andrews Hall yesterday afternoon. Captain Hastings presided, being supported by Mr. J. J. Francis Q. C., Mr. M. W. Slade (Hon. Secretary) Mr. R. Cooke, Mr. H. A. Ritchie, Mr. G. Stewart, and Captain Tillett. About twenty-eight other

members were present. The Chairman in opening the Meeting said :- Gentlemen : Before asking you to pass our report, which, having now been some time in your hands I trust you will take as read, I desire to add a few words to the very full and clear statement of our late honorary secretary. may as well tell you that in January last we work was then suspended upon the adult British civil male population of the our resources colony in the Navy League. We have succeeded might be concentrated in opening out the other in capturing about half. Your committee have shafts. Since that period the Great Eastern spent for the education of their fellow nationals, ... wanting object lessons to illustrate the teachwhich may God forbid. If in an intelligent moderately educated middle class community like that of this colony such expenditure is requisite to effect these results, pro rata how much would the League have to spend at home to enlighten the masses? In the spring of 1897. protest deprecating any reduction of the Navy Estimates, yet large numbers of those men have not joined our League, the only Association that enables them to voice what they alleged then were their honest convictions. Gentlemen. we are not children or members of a mutual admiration society; it is therefore idle to blink the fact that in a British community like that of Hongkong, till your Committee can represent to the head office in London that the civil community is unanimous the field has not been worked to its utmost extent. We carriestly hope that during the coming year every Leaguer will bring round at least one more man to a sense of his duty. Let him be as idle or as apathetic as he likes once he has been enrolled. "He that is not for me is against me." Amongst one section of the community our efforts have been singularly unsuccessful and barren of results, and that in a section where such ill success might least be looked for. I mean one class of men more than to another should be patent the paramount necessity for a strong navy to Britain it would apparently be to the mercantile marine officers. They have --Georg has experienced many difficulties of this ling for the removal of those grievances can the good the mercantile marine officers could they would be doing immeasurable service to their country in conveying a just appreciation of the needs of and duties being discharged by the British Navy to their countrymen in all the ends of the earth, knowledge that could not fail to be reflected and react on our countrymen at home. One more reference to our balance-sheet and I have done. The money remitted to the sufferers by the Norfolk boating disaster was not sent by your committee from the funds of this branch. It was the proceeds of a spontaneous subscription made up of money-some very small amounts-and forwarded through the Hon. Secretary. At our annual meeting last year Anderson suggested that some of our members should give lectures, and gave us a practical illustration of what he recommended in a most excellent address on the 31st January last, followed by Mr. Machell-on the atst February. The two papers were printed and the circulated. On April the 18th Mr. Francis gave a most interesting lecture to a crowded meeting upon "Mahau's Life of Nelson and the lessons to be drawn therefrom." The letter from this branch dated 10th January last referred to in the report was published. by the head office in all the great papers in Britain, and without being unduly selflaudatory, we may fairly congratulate ourselves on having been the channel through which our countrymen were enlightened as to the necessity for the Kowloon extension. This single instance cillustrates the value, of our Ase sociation. Able men had for years been advocating this extension. Doubtless their efforts had in great measure paved the way for -if I may say so—our success. A Department of State, a few individuals—old China hands were aware of its desirability-necessityunder changed modern conditions of warfars, For years individuals had pegged away, and un-As an example of the interest that the United rised the Government with the subject, but it literature, to invite comment and criticism, and

in the League and in the working of thebranch. It is an invitation to all members and associates to offer suggestions and supply information to the committee. The committee would be glad if a few more members would volunteer to act as groupleaders. We have now 15 groups. At our last annual meeting, when referring to the necessity of the reenactment of the Contagious Diseases Act, I stated that there was a reasonable prospect that the old checks that had been found to work so salutarily in the past would be reverted to. regret to say that now, a year later, those prospects are more remote. Your committees have represented to the central body that caste or racial prejudices are affected here-apart from direct results. The old law was appreciated by the natives as being the immediate cause of rescuing numbers of women who had been kidnapped. The addition of two battleships to the 'squadron' in the East since last year is a source of satisfaction, especially, when we consider that we are only a portion of Britain's world-wide responsibilities. (Hear, hear.) Within the last year we heve heard seductive proposals for general disarmamentaccompanied, unfortunately, however, by the most colossa, naval programmes of the fast closing century. When deeds synchronise with words our League can relax its efforts, but until that day, and not until that day, it must be our duty to endeavour to awaken and to keep our countrymen awake and alive to the necessity of maintaining a navy superior to any combination that may be formed against us. (Hear, hear.) In concluding, gentlemen, your committee, whilst expressing their regret that Mr. Pollock is unable to continue his Hon. Secretaryship, desires most emphatically to record their hearty thanks for the able, courteous, energetic, and tactful manner in which he has carried out his duties, a manner that has contributed so very materially to the success of this branch in the past year. (Applause.) With regard to Mr. Pollock's reasons for resigning I ask leave to make a personal explanation. I also am a 'Civil Servant, and some months ago asked the Officer Administering the Government if I might properly retain the position you were good enough to place me in. He informed me there was no reason why I should resign. This aptly illustrates (please to remember the references to beauty are strictly metaphorical) the difference between the ornamental figure head and the working head. The working head has resigned and Mr. Slade has kindly consented to take his place. I will ask you now to pass our report, the adoption of which I beg to pro-Mr. Francis begged leave to second the pro-

posals laid before the meeting. He referred to the good work done for the Association by Captain Hastings, and said that the thanks of the Association were not only due to Mr. Pollock, but also to Captain Hastings for the progress of the Association during the past year. (Applause).

was satisfied with the work of the past year, and he could not do better than propose the reelection of the same committee. He, therefore, proposed that Captain Hastings (President), Messrs. J. J. Francis (Vice-President), H. E. Pollock, E. W. Mitchell, H. A. Ritchie, R. Shewan, G. Stewart, Capt. Tillett, and M. W. Slade (Hon. Sec, and Treasurer) be re-elected Mr. Playfair seconded the motion and it was

The Chairman said but for the faci that Mr A. M. Marshall was leaving for Singapore in March next, that gentleman's name would have been included in the Committee.

Mr. T. Jackson proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Pollock, the retiring Hon. Secretary, and said that although he did not wish in any way to depreciate the work the Chairman had done, he thought that Mr. Pollock had taken more labour upon his shoulders than any one else in connection with the Branch.

'The Chairman said that it gave him very i great pleasure in seconding that; he had had that the Anti-Christian outbreaks in Lichuan as much to do with Mr, Pollock as anyone and Patung districts have been caused by local during the past year, and Mr. Pollock had malcontents connected with Yu Mantzu, this always kept him straight most efficiently. The motion was passed amid applause. Mr. Pollock replied, and the meeting was closed.

NOTES FROM THE NORTH.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT. Tientsin, December 19th.

Things have been very quiet here the past two weeks. The first blow of the season set in last Monday and prevailed for two days, during which we had "weather" indeed. The dust lay two inches thick on everything, and no one stirred out of the house for the fun of the thing, while the river was speedily filled with floating ice. Now we are again enjoying comparatively

mild weather, and genial sunshine. The long talked of Audience to the Ministers wives came off on Tuesday the 13th inst., as Iwired to you 'on the 15th, and seems to have been a great success. Whatever difficulties had arisen in regard to precedence and such like considerations were finally overcome, and the British Minister's wife took precedence throughout, the party leaving from and returnto the British Legation. The ladies rode in their own chairs as far as the gates of the his warlike preparations along the Yangtsze. Imperial City, where they were met by members of the Tsungli Yamen and other high officials and transferred to Imperial chairs in which they were carried over one of the numerous some twenty or thirty Chinese had been killed marble bridges until they reached a portion of without reasonable cause, and the French rethe grounds where an electric tram or milway fuse to pay compensation money to the carried them on to the Reception Hall. Here survivors, The French are also demanding other members of the Imperial family and served with tea etc. Then they opposition they have intrigued to have Taotai were conducted into the audience hall where Ts'ai removed. This is an act of great injustice they found not only the Empress but the on the part of the French and H.E. has deter-Emperor. Lady MacDonald read a pretty mined not to give way even though the Throne little congratulatory speech in English to were willing to do so. which the Empress made some suitable reply, and then the ladies led by Lady MacDonald moved forward to the Dais. When they bowed low to the Emperor, instead of merely returning the salute he smiled and shook hands warmly with each, the Empress Dowager doing the same, taking the opportunity to at the same time place on each lady's finger a gold ring set with pearls, The ladies were then entertained at luncheon, Princess Ching presiding at the table and everything being prepared in excellent style. At the end of the meal the Empress came in, bringing with her the Emperors wife, who was introduced. The Downger chatted through an interpreter very pleasantly with each lady, and then the guests were conducted to the Theatre where a special if she would get effective fire engines and performance was arranged, and where they occupied boxes with plate glass fronts. After thisthere was more tea and light refreshments, the Empress Dowager once more making her appearance, to bid ker guests adieu, express | Scorr's Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with

suggestions for the welfare of the League in being, and while she employs one hand in general, and the branch in particular; and to keeping the nation back, she is going to employ endeavour to induce a greater personal interest | the other in bringing herself and foreiners into closer contact evidently, and she probably trusts not a little to the influence of her personality, which I hear is very prepassessing.

SIR CLAUDE AND LADY MACDONALD OF are expected down, from leking to-day, as to-morrow Lady MacDonald has kindly consented to give the prizes to the pupils of All Saint's Girls School, an honour to which they have looked forward very eagerly. Bishop Scott will be in the Chair, and as a very good programme has been got together by the indefatigable teachers, of music recitations and short acts, the function under the auspices of the Legation party promises to be a very interesting one.

THE RIVER IS STILL OPEN

but the weather is very cold again, and the winter mail service has come into operation as the steamers now at the bar do not count

The customary notification to all the officials throughout the province has been issued by the Board of Rites to make due preparation to save the moon on the 28th inst., when an eclipse is booked to take place, and great preparations are accordingly being made to scare away the swallowing dragon with fire crackers. In Tientsin we are preparing to do our share of the salvation noise by a rather crack American performance to be give by the U.S. Marine Guard stationed here, when we shall have an opportunity of seeing, how they work these things in the States. Our American cousins assure us they have a sweet little way of their our in such matters.

SHANGHAI AND THE NORTH.

(From Shanghai Papers.) .

THE HANGCHOW EXPLOSION.

According to a native despatch, owing to a rumour that a shot had been fired into the powder magazine in Hangchow, which caused the dreadful explosion, the Governor at the request of the foreign consuls, issued a proclamation forbidding such an injurious rumour and assuring the people that it was entirely groundless.

A STRANGE REQUEST.

It is reported that recently the Governor of Chekiang received a telegram from the Japanese Consul General in Shanghai asking him to lend a port in that province for the drilling of troops. The Governor replied by wire enquiring which port was required and the number of soldiers to be drilled, at the same time wiring to the Tsungli Yamen for instruction in the matter.

THE PRIVANC FORCES.

The whole Peiyang forces are now divided into six armies, Commanders Tung Fuhsiang, Sung Ching Yiian Shihkai and Nich Kungting Mr. McConachie said he was sure everyone Will have the command of 40,000 men. Jung Lu commands 10,000 himself as a central army and the old provincial forces of Chihli have been disbanded to form a new trained corps, the command of which will probably be given to Kao Paochang.

A CURIOUS STATEMENT.

It is stated by the Universal Gazette that Lord Charles Beresford in his interview with Viceroy Liu Kunyi in Nanking, proposed to the southern ports, but the Viceroy declared on afforded. Lord Charles then said that he port to-day the 29th instant, could, when he returned to England, induce: he members of Parliament into agreeing to an increased duty of I per cent on foreign goods for the evolusive expenditure of the training of troops in the southern ports.

THE ANTI-CHRISTIAN RIOTS.

A special telegram from Wuchang has been received by the Universal Gazette stating THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamer being proved by the fact that Yu's correspondence and cards have been found on the persons of captured rebels. On receipt of in-formation by wire from Ichang and Shihnan prefectures, Viceroy Chang Chihtung dispatched Commander-in-Chief Kao, Colonel Wu and and Prefect Chu with 300 "braves" to attempt to put down the rebels.

ANOTHER FIRE IN SUANGHAL,

At 5.45 p.m. on the 22nd inst. a fire broke out in North Honan Road in an alleyway known as Donkalong formed of two blocks of four houses each. The fire began at No. 28 and before the firemen could set to work it had already a good hold on the entire block and No. 26, 27 and 29 fell successively a prey the element. The firemen succeeded, however, in confining the-fire to this block but without gutting and otherwise damaging six other houses. The origin of the fire is unknown: The property belongs to Mr. Ching Chong. By 10.30 p.m. the fire was completely got under. The Police preserved good order under Inspector Bourke.

WARLIKE PREPARATIONS,

Recently in reply to a telegram sent from Viceroy Chang Chitung, asking the cause of H.E. Liu Kwenyi replied that it was in consequence of the Ningpo Joss House difficulty not being yet arranged. During the riots there. were received by Princess Ching the removal of the Joss House and the extension of their settlement, and on account of his

Wuhu was visited by another fire on the night of the 20th inst. It occurred in the fire district, south of the small river. Commencing about to o'clock it burnt for the best part of three hours, and nearly 200 houses were consumed. The south chapel of the Alliance Mission was seriously threatened with destrucat the beginning, houses in front and alongside being burned, but a change of wind saved the day. A girl 12 years of age was burned to death. An opportune shower of rain did more to stop the fire spreading than the moblike fire-brigade. China spends and has spent money for forign arms and for foreigners to drill her soldiers. It would be a good thing. foreigners to drill the present awkward squad

who pass for her firemen. the pleasure their visit had given her, and to Hypophosphites is the most valuable remedy hope they had enjoyed it. Each lady then for Consumption, Scrofula, General Debility, received a roll of brocaded silk and a painting Wasting Disease of Children, Chronic Coughs, by her Majosty, also cases containing richly and Brouchitis that has ever been produced: other presents all of which were conveyed to strengthening. It will ease at once the most the various Legations immediately after the violent cough and will give both comfort and party left the Palace. The Empress has, I am strength to the sufferer. It possesses the comfold, expressed her intention of receiving all the | bined virtues of these popular remedies in their other Peking Indies at the New Year. The fullest form, Any Chemist can supply it. Solo Downger is a cleverer woman than even her Agents for Hongkong and the Empire of warmest admirers have given her credit for China; -- Watkins & Co., Hongkong -- Advi,

NOTANDA

CALENDAR.

Meteorological means based on ten years observations to 1893. Thermometer80.t Humidity77 Rainfall 8.58 TO-DAY. WEATHER REPORT. On date at On date at 10 a.m. Barometer.....30.13

Thermometer 65 Humidity 79 Rainfall..... TO-DAY.

Thursday, 29th December, 1898. Chinese-17th of 11th moon of 24th year of Krvang-sii. High-water-Morning Ithr. 20min. Afternoon ohr. 17min.

Low water-Morning 4hr. 13min. Afternoon ahr. samin. ANNIVERSARIES. 1170-Murder of Thomas & Becket in Canter-

bury Cathedral. 1809 W. E .- Cladstone born. 1843 -- Gwalior, 'the "Gibraltar of the East"

taken by the British. 1848-The Pope' Deposed by the Roman 1850-2nd Kaffir War commenced.

1854-The Taipings blocked the Canton river

and defeated the Imperialist fleet at 1857-Magazine Hill, Canton, captured by the British and French forces.

Friday, 30th December, 1898. Chinese—18th of 11th moon of 24th year of

Kavang-sit. Moon-In Apogee 2hr. a.m. High water-Morning 1hr. 58min. Afternoon ghr. 48min. Low water-Morning thr. 46min. Afternoon 3kr. 21min.

ANNIVERSARIES. 1852-Pegu annexed. 1854-All slaves of the Portuguese Crown declared free. - 1874—Prince Alfonso proclaimed King of Spain.

1893-Grand Concert at Government Civil Hospital. 1896—Dr. Rizal shot at Manila for complicity

1880-Grand Naval Review at Tsimshatsui.

in the rebellion. SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

-MAILS-DUE:-French (Laos) 1st prox. Australian (Changsha) 5th prox. Australian (Gutherie) 8th prox. American (City of Peking) 20th prox. American (Gaelic) 21st prox.

WE are informed that the Messageries Maritimes Co.'s steamer Lass with the next French Mail, will leave Saigon for this port at 2 p.m. to-day the 29th instant.

undertake the drilling of Chinese tacops in all THE Agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.) inform us that the E, & A. steamer Guthrie the ground that the expenditure could not be from [Sydney, etc., left Port Darwin for this عاميناه المساملين ووالمتواصول والكافاري والمتابع والمناوية والمناوية والمتابع والمتابع والمتابع والمتابع والمتابع

> THE O. & O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Gaelie withmails, etc., left San-Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 24th instant,

> Empress of Japan arrived at Kobe at 1.30 a.m. yesterday the 28th, and left at 1.30 p.m. for Yokohama, where she is expected to arrive at noon to-day the 29th instant.

> THE P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer Ching with mails, etc., which left hence. November 30th for San Francisco, via Macao, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu, arrived at her destination on the 26th instant.

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NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON, & Co.,

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1898.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE Steamship

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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> H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 27th December, 1898. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1898,

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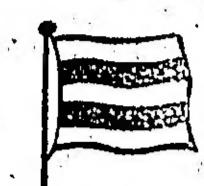
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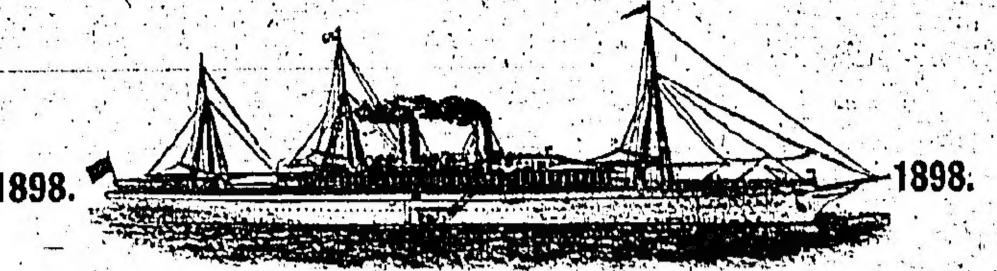
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MANUTACTORY all sorts of PAINTS and COLOUR-WASH PREPARED IN ALL COLOURS TO SULT PURCHASERS.

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STEAM FOR "STRAITS, CEYLON AUSTRALIA; INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON. (Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAYIA,

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"PARRAMATTA," Captain C. F. Preston, R.N.R. carrying Her Mcosty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 7th January, 1899, at Noon taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France,

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NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1898.

AND YOKOHAMA. PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

L4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND FROM VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA. IN CONNECTION WITH

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| Olympia | 2,608 | J. Truel | oridge | Jan. | 14. |
| Victoria | 3,502 | J. Pante | on:i | Feb. | 14. |
| Tacoma | 2,553 | A. Dixe | n` | Feb. | 25. |
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FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGA-TION COMPANY. Columbia 2,605 | A. Gow..... | Jan. 28

| Monmouthshire | 2,874 | W.A.Evar | 1s. Feb. 18 |
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| Lennox | 1 3,677 | Williams | in Mar. 13 |
| Columbia | 2,605 | A. Gow | April 15 |
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HONGKONG TO TACOMA 128.

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| STRAMERS. DESTINATIONS. SAILING DATE | ES. |
| DELBERG. HAVRE AND HAMBURG | Freight and Passage. |
| BIRIA GENOA AND HAMBURG S About 5th | { Freight and |
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| RICKMERS HAVRE AND HAMBURG | Passage. |
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. CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL * STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU. Taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan PORTS and HONOLULU, The UNITED STATES,

MENICO, CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA, &c. Carlisle City | 3,002 | | Jan. 15

Carmarthenshire | 2,929 | Feb. 14 THE Steamship

"CARLISLE CITY." will be despatched for SAN DIEGO VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKO-HAMA and HONOLULU, on or about the 15th January.

in the United States. Cargo-will be received on beard until 5-P. M the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the OFFICE until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address

in full. Value of same is required. ... Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego: --For futher information as to Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Hongkong, China and Japan. Hongkong, 8th November, 1898.

U.S. MAIL LINE.

. VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN-AND

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONOKONG.

City of Peking (vin) Shanghai, Nagasakh, Saturday, 21st Jan., Kobe, Inland Sea, at Noon. Yokohama & Hono-

Nagasaki, Kobe, In. (Thursday, 16th Feb., land Sea, Yokohana at Noon. and Honolulu) City of Rio de Janeiro

Honolulu)

"CITY OF PEKING." LAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU,

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United States, and Europe. Steamers of this line pass through the IN-LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu,

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Passengers holding Orders FOR OVER. LAND CITIES in the United States have, between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other Particulars of the various routes can be had

on application. Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Service, to European

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yakohama and other Japan Ports, to San Franscisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing, Parcel Packages, will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same: day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full pridue of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo alestined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Scaled Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco. For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company,

No. 7 Praya Central

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THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRIN-

(Subject to alteration.) Through Bills of Lading issued to any point Prinz Heinrich ... | Wednesday | 4th Jan. -Proussen | Wednesday | 1st Feb.

> "PRINZ HEINRICH," Captain O. Cüppers, with MAILS PASSENGERS SPECIE, and CARGO, will-leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA. Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on

will be received on board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY the 3rd January, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on Tuesday, the 3rd January, Contents of 1330 Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Cubic Feet in

> Linen can be washed on board. For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & Co.,

Hongkong, 9th November, 1896. OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO Japan, The United States, MEXICO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

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THE Company's Steamship

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Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities, of the United States or Canada Rates, and direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago particulars of the various Routes may be obto destination the choice of direct lines. Special rates (First-class only) are granted

> to Government officials and their families." Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or refer versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of to per cent. This allowance does not upply to through fares for Ching and Japan

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Hongkong, 9th December, 1898.

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NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

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Sachsen Wednesday | 1st March. N.WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of January,

MONDAY, the 2nd January. Cargo and Specie

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CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPE: THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING

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Hungkony, 5th November, 1898, 1898